(ii) supply of mulberry cuttings and silkworm seed.

(iii) organising extention services and strengthening the sericulture infrastructure.

The total cost of the Project is Rs. 555.30 crores, which includes Rs.389.79 crores of Govt. investment and Rs. 165.60 crores in the form of on-farm and non-farm credit from financial institutions and commercial banks.

The Central Silk Board and the 5 traditional States are the implementing agencies of this Project.

Export of Cotton

2445. SHRI KRISHN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased ot state:

(a) the quantum of exports of cotton during the last three years, yearwise;

(b) whether it is a fact Government have received any queries from foreign countries to improve the quality of cotton; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to improve the quality of cotton for export?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) The quantum of exports of cotton during the last three years, year-wise is as under:—

(Qty: in lakh bales of 170 kg each)
(Value: in Rs. crores)

Year	Quantity	Value
1989-90	13.71	610.52
1990-91	11.90	620.54
1991-92	0.77	38.75

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise. However, the Government is conscious of the need to constantly improve the quality and for this research for improved seed, better pest control, improvements in ginning and pressing industry.

Cotton purchased by CCI Branch at Guntur

2446. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total quantity of cotton purchased by CCI branch at Guntur in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) what are the details of average prices offered to cotton growers during last five years; and

(c) what is the share of Guntur branch in total purchase by CCI in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) The Cotton Corporation of India's Branch at Guntur in Andhra Pradesh has purchased 46,007 bales of cotton as on 9-3-93. Purchases are in progress.

(b) The details of average prices offered to cotton growers during the last five years are as under:—